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Department Letter Rulings Bill Sent to Governor's Desk

Senator's Bill Taxpayer Friendly, Provides Access

LANSING—The Michigan Department of Treasury will soon be required to publish their letter rulings if State Senator Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) has her way.

Senate Bill 121, which Cassis sponsored, passed with overwhelming bi-partisan support both the House Tax Policy Committee and the full House today unanimously. The bill now awaits the governor's signature.

"This legislation is part of my quest to make Michigan laws taxpayer friendly," Cassis said. "We want to make sure that taxpayers have access to all the information they need in making sound business decisions in compliance with state laws and regulations."

Letter rulings are official decisions made by the department that respond to questions posed by taxpayers on issues that may be unclear in the law. In the past, the publishing of letter rulings was common practice. Over the last three years, however, the department has cut back in publication.

"If the IRS publishes their rulings, it is just common sense that the State of Michigan follow suit in order to ensure that our taxpayers have the most accurate, up to date information," Cassis said.

Senate Bill 121 was sent to the House after the Senate voted unanimously on the measure in May.

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